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State Route 60/Interstate 215 Closures Planned for Pothole Repair

RIVERSIDE – Caltrans will close various lanes of the eastbound State Route 60 and northbound Interstate 215 freeways on Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 21 and 22) for emergency pothole repair work. The closures will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 4 a.m. the next day.

The effective closures are as follows:

Monday – Nov. 21, Westbound SR-60 from Day Street in Moreno Valley to the SR-60/I-215 Interchange. Motorists will be able to drive around this closure by taking the transition ramp to the southbound I-215 and exiting the freeway at Eastridge/Eucalyptus. From there, motorists will cross over I-215 and reenter the northbound lanes of I-215 at Eastridge/Eucalyptus and continue towards Riverside.

Tuesday – Nov. 22 Northbound I-215 from Eucalyptus to El Cerrito Drive. Motorists can avoid this closure by taking the transition to the eastbound SR-60 and exiting the freeway at Day Street. From there they can go northbound on Day Street and turn right back onto the westbound SR-60 and proceed towards Riverside.

These closures and subsequent pothole repair are part of the ongoing \$317 million 60/91/215 Freeway Improvement Project, which started in February 2004. Over the life of the contract, sweeping connector ramps from Interstate 215 to State Route 91 and new bridges at Linden, Iowa and Blaine streets over I-215 will be built. The entire project is slated for completion in late 2007.

The three freeways that make up this overall improvement project and interchange are critical links between major Inland Empire communities in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties and serve the major flow of commuter and commercial traffic throughout the region. This interchange carried nearly 314,000 daily vehicles in 2003 and served more than 332,000 vehicles in 2004.

For project updates, call Caltrans directly at 1-866-60-91-215, or view the Web site at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/6091215/schedule.htm

